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THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" (a) The Audit Officer of the Devasthanams has made representations to Government about certain audit irregularities implicating the Commissioner, Tirumalai-Tirupathi Devasthanams.

" (b) December last.

" (c) Yes; the matter has been referred to the Collector of Chittoor for investigation and report.

" (d) Does not arise."

*Madras Vigilance Association.*

* 152 Q.—MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA: Will the Hon. the Home Minister be pleased to state—

(a) what action is being taken on the scheme prepared by the Madras Vigilance Association for starting an Industrial Home in the premises of the Association for women who are convicted under the Suppression of Immoral Traffic Act; and

(b) what steps are being taken on the suggestions made by the Women's Sub-Committee of the Post-war Reconstruction Committee for the employment of women police?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"(a) The proposal has been treated as a Part II Scheme for 1947–48.

" (b) The matter is under consideration in consultation with the Inspector-General of Police."

*Chingleput Wholesale Stores.*

* 153 Q.—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chingleput Wholesale Stores have not been keeping proper accounts in their central office as well as in their sub-offices;

(b) whether it is a fact that a Co-operative department official is deputed to carry on concurrent monthly audit of the Chingleput wholesale societies accounts;

(c) whether that official has reported to the Government that the Chingleput wholesale societies accounts have not been properly kept for the last six months and that it was impossible for him to audit the accounts; and

(d) whether the Government propose to hold an enquiry into the matter?

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" (a) The Chingleput Co-operative Wholesale Stores is maintaining the books and registers in accordance with the rules made under the Co-operative Societies Act. The accounts were posted up to 28th February 1947 in the head office excepting the striking of balances in the goods ledger. Regarding the branch accounts, those in the Uttiramerur branch are kept up to date while in the three other branches, viz., at Conjeevaram,

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Madurantakam and Chingleput, all accounts except the goods ledger are kept up to date. The arrears are due to the greatly expanding business of the stores and the dearth of qualified and trained men to fill up the posts.

"(b) There are two Senior Inspector auditors and one Junior Inspector auditor who are entrusted with the concurrent and final audit of the accounts of the head office and the branches of the Chingleput Co-operative Wholesale Stores.

"(c) One of the Senior Inspector auditors who is conducting the audit of the procurement branch reported on 10th January 1947 that much progress could not be made as accounts relating to Chingleput taluk depot were not up to date. Its audit was taken up soon after the accounts were brought up to date.

"(d) The Registrar of Co-operative Societies has enquired into the matter and has reported that lack of adequate number of qualified accountants is the main cause for the arrears in audit. To ensure prompt audit, the Co-operative Wholesale Stores have been advised to take one more Senior Inspector and another Junior Inspector at the cost of the Stores for a period of six months. The Government therefore do not consider it necessary to hold an enquiry into the matter."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know whether Government received any memorial or representation from the President of the Chingleput Wholesale Co-operative Stores?"

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" As far as I know, no such representation has been received."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Is it not a fact that the President of the Stores has in his representation alleged that attempts were being made to discredit this wholesale stores with a view to constituting a producer-cum-consumer co-operative society in the locality?"

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" That petition might perhaps have gone to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies or some other person. I have already said that no such communication has come to the Government."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the Producer-cum-Consumer Co-operative Society has also invaded the Chingleput district?"

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" No, not yet."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Is this not, Sir, the first attempt or at least a preparation for such invasion?"

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" How can the hon. Member come to that presumption."

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ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Is it not likely to invade, Sir?"

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The Hon. the Minister cannot answer that question."

### *Appointment of Municipal Commissioners.*

* 154 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any appointments of Municipal Commissioners (Executive authorities under the Madras District Municipalities Act) have recently been made and if so, on what date;

(*b*) the names of the appointees, their qualifications, caste or community to which they belong and the districts they came from;

(*c*) how many of the appointees have been recruited from subordinate official ranks and how many appointed direct; and

(*d*) how many of the appointees are from the Rayalaseema districts?

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" The word 'recently' in clause (*a*) is vague.

" The particulars required in clauses (*a*) and (*b*) are furnished below in respect of the appointments made from 1st February 1947 :—

| Name of person. | Date of order of appointment. | Qualifications. | Caste or community. | Native district. |
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| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 1. Sri M. Muthuveerappan (Manager, Coonoor Municipality). | 7—2—47 | (*a*) B. A. .. (*b*) Passed account test part I prescribed for subordinate officers. (*c*) Passed Book-keeping test prescribed for the Local Fund Audit Department. (*d*) Undergone three months training in Electricity Accounts at the Superintending Engineer's office, Mettur dam. | Non-Brahman, Hindu. | Coimbatore. |
| 2. Sri V. D. Adisayamani (Manager, Chidambaram Municipality). | 7—2—47 | (*a*) B.A. .. (*b*) Passed Account test, Revenue test and Criminal and Judicial test. | Indian christian. | Tinnevelly. |

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